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SUBJECT: ANTI-EGYPTIAN ACTIVITIES-JEWISH COMITE OF CONCERN

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1. JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN CONTINUES ITS ANTI-EGYPTIAN
ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK (SEE REFTEL). MOST RECENT INCIDENT
OCCURRED MARCH 27, 1978 IN PELHAM, NEW YORK, WITH
ATTEMPTED FIRE BOMBING OF AUTO OUTSIDE HOME OF EGYPTIAN UN
EMPLOYEE, BAHGAT EL-TAWIL. FIRE BOMB WAS FOUND AND REMOVED
BY PELHAM POLICE IN EARLY HOURS MONDAY MORNING AFTER HAVING
BEEN NOTIFIED BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI) THAT CALL
HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN
CLAIMING CREDIT. FIRE BOMB HAD FAILED TO IGNITE DUE HEAVY
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RAINSTORM. (THIS IS SAME UN OFFICIAL WHOSE HOME WAS FIRE
BOMBED BY JEWISH COMMITTEE FEB 5, 1978 (SEE REFTEL). A
SIMILAR INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 12, 1978 WHEN A FIRE
BOMB WAS THROWN AT THE GARAGE DOOR OF ANOTHER EGYPTIAN UN
EMPLOYEE, MOHAMMED NIAZI, NORTH TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK.
AGAIN, A CALL WAS RECEIVED AT UPI, WITH JEWISH COMMITTEE
TAKING CREDIT.

2. USUN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NORTH TARRYTOWN AND PELHAM POLICE, BOTH OF WHOM ARE VERY COOPERATIVE, BUT DUE LIMITED MANPOWER HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO KEEP HOMES UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. FBI HAS BEEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF JEWISH COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, DC, AREA. ALL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THEIR LABORATORY. USUN HAS FURNISHED FBI AND THE VARIOUS WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS AND UN SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL LIVING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

3. ON MARCH 27, 1978, FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH COMMITTEE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE NEAR EGYPTIAN MISSION ON EAST 67TH STREET TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF A CAMPAIGN TO "FOLLOW AND HARASS EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS." A PRESS RELEASE WAS DISTRIBUTED SPELLING OUT THEIR INTENTIONS, TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

JEWISH ACTIVISTS TO HARASS EGYPTIANS - NEW YORK

DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE EGYPTIAN UN MISSION, 67TH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, AT 12:30 PM, A JEWISH ACTIVIST GROUP WILL ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF TEAMS TO FOLLOW AND HARASS EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS.
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THE TEAMS WILL BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN, A TWO-MONTH OLD ORGANIZATION. THE OBJECT OF HARASSMENT WILL BE TO DRAMATIZE THE JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED SALE TO EGYPT, AND THE GROUP'S CONTENTION THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR EL-SADAT REMAINS COMMITTED TO ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION. ACCORDING TO VICTOR VANCIER, JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SADAT WENT TO JERUSALEM SOLELY TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS A "MODERATE", THEREBY INCREASING US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL FOR ONE-SIDED CONCESSIONS. IN VIEW OF THIS, VANCIER ADDED THE ONLY HOPE FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER TRAGIC ROUND OF BLOODSHED IS FOR ISRAEL NOT TO GIVE UP EVEN AN INCH OF POST-1967 LIBERATED LAND. AN ISRAEL WHICH CAN DECISIVELY CRUSH ARAB AGGRESSION IS AN ISRAEL WHICH IS LESS LIKELY TO BE ATTACKED. JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN
160 FIFTH AVENUE - SUITE 801
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
TEL: 242-4829. END TEXT

4. FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE OUTSIDE EGYPTIAN MISSION, MISOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM SECOND SECRETARY EL-SAID CALLING

ATTENTION TO CONTINUED ACTIVITIES OF JEWISH COMMITTEE. HE
VOICED PARTICULAR CONCERN AT THE PROSPECT OF EGYPTIAN
DIPLOMATS BEING HARASSED. EL-SAID ALSO MENTIONED FIRE
BOMBINGS AT HOMES OF EGYPTIAN UN OFFICIALS. MISOFF ASSURED
EL-SAID OF OUR CONCERN ON BOTH COUNTS AND ADVISED HIM OF
INVOLVEMENT OF POLICE AND FBI.

5. IN LIGHT OF STATED PURPOSE OF JEWISH COMMITTEE TO
HARASS EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS, USUN HAS ASKED FBI/NY TO ATTEMPT
OBTAIN ADVANCE COMMITMENT FROM US ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK
WHICH WOULD PERMIT FBI TO MAKE ARRESTS UNDER ACT FOR
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS SHOULD HARASSMENT
BEGIN. LEONARD

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